

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Applicant selectively amends the claims as follows:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:  
2 a data path output unit to output a packet header for a message request transaction, the  
3 packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the packet header and to  
4 further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type field to indicate a  
5 message request transaction, and a message group sub-field separate from the format field and  
6 separate from the subset of the type field to indicate one of a plurality of message groups.
- 1 2. (Canceled).
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[2]] 1, the packet header further including a  
2 message code field.
- 1 4. (Canceled).
- 1 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the message group sub-field is a  
2 three-bit sub-field including one bit from a type field and two bits from an extended type field.

1 6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:  
2 a data path input unit to receive a packet header for a message request transaction, the  
3 packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the packet header and to  
4 further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type field to indicate a  
5 message request transaction, and a message group sub-field to indicate one of a plurality of  
6 message groups.

1 7. (Canceled).

1 8. (Currently Amended). The apparatus of claim [[7]] 6, the packet header further including a  
2 message code field.

1 9. (Canceled).

1 10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[9]] 6, wherein the message group sub-field is  
2 a three-bit sub-field including one bit from a type field and two bits from an extended type field.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
2 a transmitting device to transmit a packet header for a message request transaction, the  
3 packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the packet header and to further  
4 specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type field to indicate a message  
5 request transaction, and a message group sub-field to indicate one of a plurality of message  
6 groups; and

1 a receiving device ~~couple~~ responsive to the transmitting device, the receiving device to  
2 receive the packet header.

1 12. (Cancelled).

1 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[12]] 11, the packet header further including a  
2 message code field.

1 14. (Cancelled).

1 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[14]] 11, wherein the message group sub-field is  
2 a three-bit sub-field including one bit from a type field and two bits from an extended type  
3 field.